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SUBJECT: BOMBS WREAK ANOTHER MAJOR CONSTRUCTION COMPANY

SUMMARY: TIME BOMBS FEBRUARY 28 WREAKED THE HEAD OFFICE AND PLANT OF ANOTHER MAJOR FIRM IN TOKYO, THE HAZAMA-GUMI CONSTRUCTION COMPANY WHICH DOES EXTENSIVE BUSINESS IN SE ASIA. THIS IS THE SIXTH MAJOR EXPLOSION IN THE TOKYO AREA IN THE LAST SIX MONTHS. NO ONE HAS YET BEEN ARRESTED IN ANY OF THESE INCIDENTS. END SUMMARY.

1. TIME BOMBS PLANTED IN TWO PLACES IN THE 18STORY OFFICE BUILDING OF HAZAMA-GUMI, ONE OF JAPAN'S FOREMOST CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES, EXPLODED AT ABOUT 8:00 PM FEBRUARY 28. THE BUILDING IS LOCATED ON AOYAMA-DORI IN CENTRAL TOKYO. AT ABOUT THE SAME TIME, ANOTHER TIME BOMB RIPPED THE HAZAMA-GUMI PLANT NEAR OMIYA IN THE NORTHERN OUTSKIRTS OF TOKYO.

2. ACCORDING TO EARLY PRESS REPORTS CONFIRMED BY THE UNCLASSIFIED

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POLICE, THE AOYAMA EXPLOSION CAUSED ONE HEAVY CASUALTY,

AND SEVERAL LIGHT CASUALTIES DUE TO SMOKE INHALATION. THREE FLOORS OF THE AOYAMA BUILDING WERE EXTENSIVELY DAMAGED. THIRTY FIRE TRUCKS BROUGHT TO THE SCENE TOOK TWO-AND-ONE-HALF HOURS TO BRING FIRE UNDER CONTROL. AT THE OMIYA PLANT, THERE WAS LIGHT DAMAGE AND NO CASUALTIES.

3. DESPITE PRESS REPORTS STATING THAT HAZAMA-GUMI HAD RECEIVED SEVERAL MAIL THREATS AND PRIOR TELEPHONE WARNINGS ALLEGEDLY FROM EXTREMIST GROUPS, METROPOLITAN POLICE TOLD EMBOFF THAT THEY HAVE BEEN ABLE THUS FAR TO CONFIRM ONLY ONE PRIOR CALL RELATED TO THIS INCIDENT. AT 7:45 PM, A TRANSPORTATION FIRM LOCATED OPPOSITE THE OMIYA PLANT RECEIVED A CALL FROM A YOUNG MAN STATING THAT A BOMB WOULD GO OFF MOMENTARILY NEARBY, AND ALL TRAFFIC SHOULD BE DIVERTED FROM THE AREA. THE MAN DID NOT IDENTIFY HIS GROUP. THE WARNING WAS TRANSMITTED TO THE OMIYA POLICE SEVERAL MINUTES BEFORE THE EXPLOSION. NO SIMILAR PRIOR-WARNING HAS YET BEEN REPORTED REGARDING THE AOYAMA EXPLOSION, ACCORDING TO OUR POLICE SOURCE.

4. COMMENT: WHILE THE POLICE DOES NOT YET HAVE ANY LEADS ON THE PERPETRATORS, WE BELIEVE IT LIKELY, AS REPORTED BY THE PRESS, THAT THE INCIDENT WAS CARRIED OUT BY POLITICAL EXTREMISTS WHO MAY HAVE HAD A HAND IN SIMILAR MAJOR EXPLOSIONS IN TOKYO IN THE PAST SIX MONTHS. HAZAMA-GUMI, KNOWN FOR ITS DAM BUILDING TECHNOLOGY, HAS OFFICES AND PROJECTS IN SEVERAL SEA COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THAILAND, SOUTH VIETNAM, AND MALAYSIA. AS REPORTED EARLIER BY THE EMBASSY, EXPLOSIONS HAVE WREAKED THE HEADOFFICES AND PLANTS OF LEADING TOKYO FIRMS WITH EXTENSIVE BUSINESS ABROAD: MITSUBISHI HEAVY INDUSTRY (AUGUST 30: 8 KILLED AND 280 INJURED), MITSUI (OCTOBER 14; 17 INJURED), TEIJIN (NOVEMBER 25; NO CASUALTIES) TAISEI CONSTRUCTION (DECEMBER 2; 9 INJURED), AND KAJIMA CONSTRUCTION (DECEMBER 23, NO CASUALTIES). IN FOUR OF THESE EXPLOSIONS, AN EXTREMIST GROUP CALLING ITSELF "EAST ASIA ANTI-JAPANESE ARMED FRONT" (TOA HANNICHI BUSO UNCLASSIFIED

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SENSEN) CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY. NO ARRESTS HAVE BEEN MADE THUS FAR RELATIVE TO ANY OF THESE EXPLOSIONS. HODGSON

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